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Roads.

Numerous petitions have been presented to the Township Committee for the grading or graveling of roads in various parts of the village. It is very desirable that these requests should be promptly and fully answered. Nothing is so necessary to the comfort of the people, or contributes so directly to attract strangers, or increase business as good roads, sides, walks and crosswalks.

Yet when the size of the township is considered with its 20 miles of streets, it is readily seen how impossible it is to do even what is urgently needed. Some parts of Broad St. sustaining the heaviest travel have not received the slightest attention for many years. Other places have been badly washed by storms and need prompt repairs. Streets upon which much building has been done must be surveyed, grades established, and grading done. The final cost of gravel or broken stone is still to come. It will be easily seen why so many calls are disregarded; the money is limited, the needs boundless.

Instead of the \$7,000 raised here for roads, the village of Montclair, with fewer miles of streets raises something over \$12,000. This comparison may suggest the remedy to be applied. Successive township committees have recommended amounts slightly in excess of former years, but still with some squeamishness as to the result. The necessity is very clear, but the willingness of tax payers to increase their own assessments is not so evident.

The amount received for stone walks this year is perhaps a fair sum to spend for such purposes; but since the money must go upon the main streets, special provision must be made for grading and graveling streets of minor importance.

Here the greatest stringency is sure to be felt. The amount appropriated, \$2,500, is far too small for this purpose. It is, of course, too late to remedy the error this year. All that can be done is to distribute the money as judiciously as possible throughout the township, reminding property owners that their wants should be made known prior to election, rather than after.

Meanwhile we have much for which to be thankful, for while our highways are not all that we could wish, they show an improvement year by year which is creditable to the good sense of the officers elected.

A little public spirit upon the part of property owners, some forbearance, and a fair appreciation of the difficulties to be overcome, will prevent misunderstanding, ill-feeling or grumbling.

An old Bloomfielder

HONORED IN THE HARTFORD LEGISLATURE.
Not many years ago there lived in Bloomfield a man who, during his residence in the town, won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Since leaving Bloomfield his home has been with a daughter in Waterbury, Ct., where his face is familiar to everybody. Though a man whose years number nearly a century the step of Mr. Israel Coe is firm, and all his faculties are unimpaired. He can outmeasure many a younger man by the distances that he walks and the rapidity of his gait.

A year or more ago a public recognition was tendered Mr. Coe at Hartford, he being the oldest living ex-Representative in the State. Speeches were made, and an entire session of Legislature was devoted to doing him honor. The fifth of the present month witnessed a similar scene at the Connecticut State Capital. There was a reunion of ex-members of the Connecticut General Assembly that bought together hundreds of men representing every town and almost every village in the State. The Waterbury Daily Republican says:

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